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In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1-17 (Canceled).

18 (New). A compound of the formula

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
N & Z \\
N & X \\
N & N
\end{array}$$

wherein each Z is the same or different and is

wherein each X is the same or different and is a multivalent aminyl group or diaminyl-terminated spacer;

each Y is the same or different aminyl group; and M is a support matrix.

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19 (New). The compound according to claim 18, of the formula

20 (New). The compound according to claim 19, wherein either or each Z is Y.

21 (New). The compound according to claim 18, wherein each X independently represents a secondary amino group or a diaminoalkane.

22 (New). The compound according to claim 18, wherein each is independently selected from optionally substituted aliphatic and aromatic primary amines.

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23 (New). The compound according to claim 18, of the formula

24 (New). A compound of the formula

$$CI \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow X$$